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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, PINS, MOPS, CASC

SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSIONS

REFERENCE: KINSHASA 04759

1. ALTHOUGH INFORMATION SO FAR AVAILABLE IS SPARSE, AND SOMETIMES CONTRADICTORY, SITUATION IN SHABA PROVINCE OF ZAIRE SEEMS SUFFICIENTLY TURBULENT TO WARRANT SPECIAL ATTENTION ON OUR PART, SEPTEL INDICATES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ESTABLISHING SHABA TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH EVENTUALITIES, EFFECTIVE AS OF 0900 ZULU MAY 15.

2. OUR PRIMARY AND IMMEDIATE CONCERN, OF COURSE, IS WELFARE OF AMCITS IN AFFECTED AREA, WHICH NOW APPEARS TO INCLUDE KOLWEZI, MUTSHATSHA AND ADJACENT AREAS. OUR PRESENT INFORMATION INDICATES THAT WE HAVE A TOTAL OF AROUND 100 AMERICAN CITIZENS IN IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED AREAS, WITH AN INDETERMINATE BUT LIMITED NUMBER OF OTHERS, PRIMARILY MISSIONARIES IN WESTERN SHABA WHO COULD BE AFFECTED BY REPORTED INCURSIONS.

3. PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM KINSHASA AND

LUBUMBASHI, WE ARE CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE EVACUATION PLANS, SHOULD EVACUATION IN FACT PROVE NECESSARY. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO OUR PLANNING IF GOF AND GOB COULD SHARE WITH US: A) THEIR INFORMATION AS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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STATUS OF MILITARY SITUATION IN SHABA AND B) THEIR INTENTIONS AND PLANS CONCERNING EVACUATION OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN CITIZENS SHOULD THAT PROVE NECESSARY. BRUSSELS AND PARIS ARE REQUESTED TO PUT THESE QUERIES TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS AND TO REPORT ASAP.

4. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING, SHOULD NEED ARISE, ASKING THE ITALIAN OR CONGOLESE GOVERNMENTS TO CONVEY MESSAGE TO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT, TAILORED TO THEN PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH WOULD IN ESSENCE RELAY OUR CONCERNS FOR SECURITY OF OUR CITIZENS AND PERHAPS REQUEST SUPPORTIVE ACTION FROM THEIR REPS IN LUANDA. WE ARE THINKING OF ASKING ITALIANS OR CONGOLESE TO NOTE THAT GECAMINES KOLWEZI DIRECTOR RENARD IS UNDERSTOOD CURRENTLY TO BE NEGOTIATING WITH EX-KATANGAN CHIEF OF OPERATIONS QUESTION OF EVACUATION OF EX-PATRIATES. WE WOULD HOPE HAVE THEM CONVEY OUR HOPE THAT ANGOLANS WOULD USE ANY GOOD OFFICES AVAILABLE TO THEM TO ENCOURAGE SMOOTH EVACUATION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW GOF AND GOB REACTIONS TO THIS PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION BY IMMEDIATE WIRE.

5. FOR ROME AND BRAZZAVILLE. FOREGOING SUGGESTED
APPROACH TO ANGOLANS THROUGH YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS IS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY AT THIS POINT. PENDING DECISION
ON WHETHER WE MAKE SUCH REQUESTS OR NOT, WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR VIEWS AS TO LIKELY RECEPTIVITY OF GOI AND GOCB,
SHOULD WE SO ASK.

6. FOR LUSAKA: REQUEST YOU SHARE OUR CONCERNS AT
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY WITH SENIOR LEVELS OF GOZ AND TO
ASK THAT ZAMBIAN VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN SHABA BE RELAYED TO US ASAP. FYI. WE ARE AWARE THAT
INCURSIONS MAY HAVE BEEN STAGED THROUGH ZAMBIA BUT DO
NOT INTEND TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT WITH GOZ. END FYI VANCE
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